they have violated the terms of agreement in allowing payments to middlemen; and

(b) what specific steps would be taken in this regard by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) The documents published in The Hindu" on 25th November, 1988 have been handed over to the C.B.I, and will be looked into as a part of its on-going inquiry. The further course of action will be based on the results of the inquiry.

Wide Spread Resentment against Sex-determination Tests

3138. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been wide spread resent ment regarding the sex determination tests;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to stop these sex determination tests;

(c) whether Government have sought the opinion of experts in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARl SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (b) The Government of India constituted a small Committee of experts to go into the details of various aspects for regulating the use of sex determination The Committee has submitted a Bill which has already been sent to the States]UTs for their comments.

Setting up of Nuclear Power Plants

3139. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER he pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India have entered into an agree-ment with Soviet Union for setting up of Nuclear Power Plants;

(b) if so, what are the projects included in this agreement; and

(c) whether a time schedule has been worked out for setting up of these Nuclear Power Plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECH-NOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRi K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Inter-Governmental Agreement signed between India and the Soviet Union on November 20, 1988, provides for cooperation in the construction of a Nuclear Power Station in India, consisting of two Units of 1000 MWe each pressurised water reactors.

(c) The time schedule will be arrived at during detailed discussions with the Soviet organisation.

Planning Forces at the District Level

3140. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with the Union Government to strengthen the Planning forces of the States at the district level; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MA-DHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) District Level Planning exercise, already going in several States, is proposed to be strengthened and its coverage enlarged so that by the time Eighth Plan is formulated, it would be possible to base it also, *inter-alia,* on district levej plans.

(b) Since 1982, the expenditure being incurred to strengthen planning machinery at district level is reimbursed to the

States by the Centre on 50 : 50 basis. The States Training Institutes are also being assisted on 50 : 50 basis for strengthening their training faculties to provide training to the personnel engaged in District Planning.

Grants of Higher Pay-Scaies to Junior Officers working in NDMC Hospital, MotiBagh

3141. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation recently against the grant of higher scale of Rs. 4500—7000 and also special pay to junior officers (of scale of Rs. 3700— 5000) who are officiating as Medical Superintendent in N.D.M.C. Hospital, Moti Bagh, New Delhi and similar posts;

(b) if so, the reasons for Which higher scale of pay and special pay has been given to junior persons ignoring senior officers of C.H.S.;

(c)' the reasons for which senior persons could not be posted to the said post;

(d) whether officers have remained on deputation for more than three years in NDMC; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) since when the Medical Superintendent, N.D.M.C. Hospital, Moti Bagh, New Delhi has been on deputation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SA-ROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The post of Medical Superintendent, N.D.M.C, hospital, Moti Bagh, New Delhi has been upgraded to the scale of Rs. 4500—5700 with Rs. 200/-special pay for this post keeping in view the administrative requirements and the incumbent of the post, who is on deputation, has opted for the new scale of this post.

(d) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Satoha.

(e) 12.2.1986 (Afternoon).

Anti-Corruption Raids by CBI

3142. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI conducted nation-wide anti-corruption raids on the 25th October, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the details there-of; and

(c) how many cases have been registered against persons found with disproportionate assets and incriminating documents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND' PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Searches were conducted at 63 residential-cum-office premises of 23 Government officials and 8 private parties. During the course of these searches, the following movable/ immovable assets have been discover ed Sr—

Movable Assets ... Rs. 41.96 lakhs

Immovable Assets ... Rs. 37.14 lakhs

Besides, a large number of incriminating documents have also been seized.

(c) 22 cases have been registered.